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Demetrius Crichlow
Interim President
New York City Transit
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Completion of Subway Ventilation Grates Repairs in Community District 4

Dear Interim President Crichlow,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, requests that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) complete repairs of the many grates that have yet to be replaced or fixed on 14 blocks on our sidewalks. as they constitute a tripping hazard for pedestrians.

Our district includes Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Avenues, all with subway tunnels under them and numerous ventilation grates on the sidewalks. Many of them are buckled, have holes, or the cement is broken around them. They clearly have not been replaced for many years. Beyond the safety issue they present, they are a blight on our district.

We are grateful that, in the last year, repairs were made on six blocks but dismayed to learn that remaining 14 blocks cannot be repaired due to lack of funding.

Instead of repairing them, certain grates on the Eighth Avenue sidewalk between West 39th and West 40th Streets, were covered with plywood; this installation is not flush with the sidewalk making it a tripping hazard. Other grates on the same segment were enclosed with construction barriers, which reduces significantly the pedestrian clear path.

We ask that you make this project completion a priority to reduce tripping hazards and restore the proper sidewalk capacity for pedestrians and commuters in our district.

Sincerely,



Jessica Chait
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



Christine Berthet
Co-Chair
Transportation Planning Committee



Jesse Greenwald
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Enclosure

		original request	Status		
8 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	50 th - 52 nd streets	Missing Concrete	TBD	
8 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	35 th - 40 th streets	Buckled/ missing parts/	Not fixed except 37-38	
8 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	33 rd - 34 th streets	Cracked Cement	not fixed	
8 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	17 th - 20 th streets	Broken Sidewalk	grates fixed but cracks remain	
7 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 th - 21 st streets	Raised border	raised borders not fixed	
7 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	17 th - 18 th streets	Raised border	raised borders not fixed	
7 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 th - 15 th streets	Loose corner	TBD	
6 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 th - 16 th streets	Broken Sidewalk	broken cement not fixed	
8 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	30 th - 31 st streets	Damaged grate/ raised spots	fixed	
8 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	25 th - 26 th streets	Broken Sidewalk	fixed	
8 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	23 rd - 24 th streets	Broken Sidewalk	fixed	
8 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	37 th - 38 st streets	Buckled/ missing parts/	fixed	
7 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	24 th - 25 th streets	Loose and raised border	fixed	
6 th Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	23 rd - 24 th streets	Loose corner	fixed	